

# **This Way, Charlie**

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**Synopsis:** Jack, an introverted goat, and Charlie, a blind horse, meet at Open Bud Ranch, an animal rehabilitation center, and form an unlikely friendship that grows stronger in the face of adversity.

**Suggested Reading Date:** National Pet Day is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17<sup>th</sup>. This would also be a good book to read at the beginning of the year for students forming community in your classroom.

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- Caron Levis has a variety of activity pages on her webpage which you can find some coloring sheets and an activity here: <https://www.caronlevis.com/post/activity-sheets-for-this-way-charlie>
- Peaceful Fields and Brave Breaths with Jack and Charlie: [https://12a42d98-e3a0-faba-4e64-994574e49625.filesusr.com/ugd/c0e481\\_a8b51dbfac5d47e1a2532254f40fbdfc.pdf](https://12a42d98-e3a0-faba-4e64-994574e49625.filesusr.com/ugd/c0e481_a8b51dbfac5d47e1a2532254f40fbdfc.pdf)
- Visual Story Kit from Alpena County Library: <https://www.alpenalibrary.org/thiswaycharlie>
- Compare and contrast this story with *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival* by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery
- Contact your local animal shelter or animal rescue to see if you can have a guest speaker in your library.
- Think of random acts of kindness that students can give to other students, a teacher, or a family member.

### **Related Websites:**

- Author Website: <https://www.caronlevis.com/>
- Illustrator Website: <https://www.charlessantoso.com/wp/>
- Wild Heart Ranch: <http://www.wildheartrescue.org/default.asp>
- Q & A With Kit Lit TV: <https://www.kidlit.tv/2019/08/this-way-charlie-cover-reveal/>
- Read Aloud by the Author: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkQwDWOG18c&t=1s>
- Story Makers with Caron Levis (Geared toward teachers and teacher-librarians): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Ji3dBQPeI>

### **Text to Text Connections:**

*Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival* by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery, *Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home* by Sy Montgomery, *See the Ocean* by Estelle Condra

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